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Wednesday, August 21, 2002

Disaster planning under way in NRV

Plans to mitigate natural hazards might be combined with other funding areas such as economic development

By PAUL DELLINGER
THE ROANOKE TIMES

FAIRLAWN - Localities in the New River Valley will be asked to provide information about potential problems they might have with natural hazards ranging from floods to wildfires.



Counties, cities and towns must provide this information to receive Federal Emergency Management Agency funding on any projects. By Nov. 1, 2003, each locality must have a "local mitigation plan" in place before it can get FEMA funds for any project.

The New River Valley Planning District Commission will collect the information and come up with plans that can be adopted by local governments. The data is being compiled by a Hazard Mitigation Planning task force, which hopes to have a draft of a plan in place by April. Its next meeting is 10 a.m. Friday at the New River Valley Competitiveness Center.

The plan is to provide "sustained action that reduces or eliminates long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects," task force member Lydeana Martin explained to the New River Valley Transportation Technical Advisory Committee on Tuesday.

The task force is seeking information including what roads are prone to flooding, rock slides, fog or other hazards, and whether there are roads that pose special difficulties during severe weather.

Areas that flood repeatedly or potential sites for wildfires also will be catalogued. The New River Valley has had no catastrophic events in recent years but does have some potential for flood, fire, drought, sinkhole and other damage, including earthquakes.

The plan may suggest ways to head off potential hazards in combination with projects to boost economic development.

If a jurisdiction includes hazard areas, Martin said, an advisory committee of state and federal agency representatives can offer guidance on mitigation and funding.

For more information, call Martin at (540) 639-9313 or e-mail lmartin@nrvdc.org.

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Pembroke Planning Commission to hold special flood meeting

The Pembroke Planning Commission will host a special flood meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, at the town hall. Citizens from Pembroke and surrounding areas are encouraged to attend. The purpose of the meeting is for citizens to share "lessons learned" during past floods and to make suggestions for reducing the impact of future floods.

This meeting is part of Pembroke's update to its comprehensive plan. "We are seeking every citizen's input in this important planning process," said Linda Vaught, Planning Commission chairperson and a town council member. "Recent flooding and the potential for more flooding are major issues for the Town, so we want to begin our new planning process here."

According to Vaught, input gathered at this meeting will help formulate a new comprehensive plan which is a strategic document to set goals, objectives and strategies for the future of the Town of Pembroke. The comprehensive plan, required of all local governments in Virginia, serves as a guide to direct land use and future development, thereby

promoting optimal development patterns, public safety and well-being, as well as allowing more efficient use of public resources.

"Anyone who cares about the direction of the town in the next 20 years will want to get involved in this process - whether your principal concern is flooding, housing, commercial and industrial uses, public services, recreation, conservation, economic development, etc.," Vaught emphasized.

The comprehensive plan typically consists of two major parts: 1) background data; which details recent trends in land use, population, and economics and 2) the plan; which includes goals, objectives and strategies.

Comprehensive plan meetings are scheduled for input on these other town issues. Please check Channel 2, the calendar in the town hall or this newspaper for the upcoming dates.

The New River Valley Planning District Commission has already begun updating the background data and will facilitate the meetings. Citizens are asked to share their opinions regarding goals, objectives and strategies.

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Saturday, October 26, 2002

Regional group studying drought-relief plans

By PAUL DELLINGER
THE ROANOKE TIMES

FAIRLAWN - Governmental changes to encourage development with low environmental impacts, along with reusing rainwater, could ease future drought problems in the New River Valley, regional planners heard Friday.



The Hazard Mitigation Planning Work Group is preparing an overall hazard mitigation plan for the New River Valley Planning District Commission to recommend to local governments by April. Counties, cities and towns must have one in place by late 2003 to qualify for any future Federal Emergency Management Agency funds.

Tom Roberts with the state Department of Conservation and Recreation told the group that storm water management requirements have generally been governed by "what was going to get your plan approved quickest." Water detention ponds, to slow the flow of water, have been the most frequent solution, he said.

But if local zoning regulations encouraged clusters and green areas instead of more traditional layouts of streets and house lots, he said, it would not only better protect the environment but could result in higher property values.

Low-impact development is not so much a land-use control, he said, as a technological approach to controlling water runoff that could be better used to maintain watersheds and managing hydrology. "Then, long-term, 50 or 100 years down the line, you've made a difference," said Roberts, who coordinates urban storm water management programs for the department.

Grass areas could be used in some places where curb and gutter is now built, he said. Localities say they require curb and guttering because the Virginia Department of Transportation does. "I've heard that for 20 years," he said, but it is simply untrue.

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Ed Crawford, vice president of Rainwater System Inc. in Salem, told the group that rainwater harvesting also could ease future water problems. Crawford's company designs systems to capture rainwater. For every inch of rainfall, he said, an average of 1,200 gallons of rainwater can be harvested from the roof of a 2,000-square-foot home.

Since late 1999, the New River Valley's rainfall is about 10 1/2 inches below normal, said Lydeana Martin, regional planner with the commission. The above-average rainfall since September still has not replenished groundwater supplies, she said.

Floyd and Montgomery counties have been hit hardest in the valley, Martin said. Spring and summer pastures and hay crops suffered. Some farmers in Floyd began feeding hay to livestock in June, and, in Montgomery, in August. The normal time for supplementing livestock feed with hay is November, she said.

Gov. Mark Warner included Floyd and Montgomery in new drought designation localities this week, opening up new loan and reimbursement possibilities for farmers.

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PUBLIC PULSE

A digest of government news and upcoming meetings in the New River Valley

Radford students will get out of school two hours early on the last day of school June 10. The city school board voted for the early dismissal at its meeting Thursday. The board also scheduled a special meeting for 5 p.m. Tuesday to approve its budget and contracts for the coming year.

Dublin Town Council on Thursday approved a \$3.2 million federal loan/grant package to improve its aging water system. It includes a \$2.4 million loan and a \$900,000 grant. Council also approved increasing its water

rates to guarantee the loan. In-town residents would pay a minimum of \$13 a month. Out-of-town residents' minimum would rise to \$19.50 a month.

The Pulaski County School Board will set its 2003-04 calendar Monday at 3:30 p.m. at Riverlawn Elementary School, 6671 Riverlawn Court in Fairlawn.

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. Monday on the Blue Ridge Mountains Boy Scouts Council's request to

erect a 199-foot communications tower for state police on property it owns in Draper. The board meets in the County Administration Building, 143 Third St., Pulaski.

Residents of the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery and Pulaski and the city of Radford are invited to attend a New River Valley Planning District Commission meeting about preparing for natural disasters, Monday at 5 p.m. at the New River Valley Competitiveness Center in Fairlawn.

Commission

tackling disasters

Citizens asked to participate in strategy session to prevent or minimize damage

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7:00-9:00 PM May 8, 2003

NRVPDC to host local hazard mitigation meeting on May 19th

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Disaster seminar planned for Monday

Staff Report

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Interested citizens are invited to attend the "walk through" session to review the information and share ideas.

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Participants will be able to learn the history of past major events in the NRV including earthquakes and tornadoes.

This presentation is the culmination of research by the New River Valley Hazard Mitigation Planning Workgroup, sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Newsletter April 2003

New River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan

A public input session was held on May 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. to present summary hazard, risk, and mitigation information to interested citizens. The meeting enjoyed good media coverage before and after the event.

Later in May, NRVPCD staff then hosted a planners' workshop inviting all local government planners in the region. The well-attended meeting covered transportation, a Vision 2020 update, and hazard mitigation planning. Planners added valuable details on hazard areas and potential mitigation projects. Among those were the Hazard Mitigation Grant Proposals submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency by Montgomery County following the recent presidentially-declared flooding disaster in February.

Currently, a Service Training for Environmental Progress program intern, Zhou Daquan, from the Virginia Water Center at Virginia Tech, is developing hazard risk assessment maps and value estimates. No additional meetings have been scheduled at this time while the written plan and maps are being drafted. A draft should be available to VDEM/FEMA in August and then go to local governments. *For further information, contact Lydeana Martin, (540) 639-9313, ext. 206.*

Regional Swift Water Rescue Team

NRVPDC staff facilitated a meeting with fire and rescue teams from around the region to gauge interest in forming a regional swift water rescue team. The need for a swift water team in the region has become evident this spring and summer with multiple accident and flood-related incidents.

The Salem Fire-EMS team attended the meeting, as well, to share their experiences. They cautioned that a true swift-water rescue team cannot be achieved quickly. Their team trained intensively for four years before ever announcing to the public that they had a team. That training began 7 years ago. The Salem team was recently honored with an international team award, due in part to their service of rescuing 19 people during the February 22 flooding, two of which were in Montgomery County.

Following the Salem presentation and a frank discussion of issues, concerns and opportunities, the attending NRV entities agreed to move forward in pursuing a regional swift water rescue team. Future meetings are being scheduled. *For further information, contact Lydeana Martin, (540) 639-9313, ext. 206.*



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Commission creates disaster plan

By Kathryn Huff

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No one likes to think about natural disasters, but Regional Planner Lydeana Martin is hoping a new plan will lessen the impact of these catastrophes.

Martin introduced a new plan that looks at ways to mitigate the effects of natural disasters — flooding, drought, wild fires and severe weather — at a meeting Monday night.

Martin, regional planner for the New River Valley Planning District Commission, used a \$49,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop the plan that will serve as a model for the state.

In it, Martin and members of local governments, Virginia Tech faculty, and state and federal agencies, met for a year to identify the frequencies of these dangers and ways to lessen their impact.

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The plan will go out to the local governments in the district

— the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery and Pulaski, as well as Blacksburg, Christiansburg and Radford — in the late summer or early fall, Martin said.

In order to qualify for FEMA grant money, local governments need to have plan in place by Nov. 1, 2004, Martin said.

She is hoping to have resident input on the plan, especially on the mitigation projects.

The group identified between one and seven projects for each of the localities in the district. For Montgomery County, this includes developing a swift-water rescue capacity and a possible tightening of the zoning in

the floodplains.

For Blacksburg and Christiansburg, the development of stormwater retention ponds are listed among other projects. In Radford, a regional stormwater detention along Connelly's Run as well as a detention pond at Sunset Park are among those projects mentioned.

"We need to think in terms of long-term things that the community needs to do to minimize the effects of these events," Martin said.

Residents who would like to see the plan can contact Martin at the planning district commission at (540) 639-9313.

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Mitigation committee identifies possible disaster impacts

Marty Gordon, WFNR News

Flooding, severe weather, droughts and wildfires pose a major threat to our area, and one local group is trying to identify the impact each would have on each locality. In addition, they are also looking at the possibility of impacts of hurricanes, earthquakes, landslides and sinkholes.

New River Valley Planning District staff held a walk-through Monday night to allow residents and local leaders to take a look at possible impacts from those different types of disasters. Lydenna Martin, a regional planner for the NRVPD, says this week's open house and report will help the area to meet Federal Emergency Agency grant eligibility if and when any of the disasters occur.

"I like people to realize natural hazards do happen in the New River Valley, and they happen frequently. And there are a lot of things, particularly with flooding and drought, that people can do to mitigate the affects of that," she said.

The top disaster that seems to impose the greatest danger is flooding with droughts and wildfires a close second.

The planning district has been holding meetings with a New River Valley Hazard Mitigation committee for almost a year. During that time, they have been able to identify the threats of at least 10 different types of disasters, all of the natural variety. Public meetings began in June 2002, and future meetings will include special meetings with individual localities and their governmental leaders. A special regional planning meeting is also being planned for next month.

The planning has identified the natural disasters and their impacts on the area, and what is at high risk. The group has examined existing mitigation efforts and what else needs to be done. In turn, a wish list of projects, needed projects, has been assembled for each locality in the New River Valley taking a look a the largest threat-flood, droughts and wildfires.

The list includes the following:

- Floyd County: a water resource study, development of a drought contingency plan, more dry hydrants, hazard-related GIS layers, and communication equipment compatible with surrounding areas.
- Montgomery County: Hazard-related GIS layers, consider tightening zoning in floodplain, develop swift-water rescue capacity, and integrate into comprehensive plan.
- Blacksburg: Series of stormwater detention ponds, Hazard-related GIS layers, and integrate into comprehensive plan.
- Christiansburg: Series of stormwater ponds, floodplain ordinance, cite in comprehensive plan, and floodplain GIS layer.
- Pulaski County: More public water service.
- Radford City: Regional stormwater detention along Connelly's Run, detention pond at

Sunset Park, water system improvements, and Swift Water Rescue equipment and team.

- Pembroke: Engineer study of structural needs, replace culverts/drainage, integrate into comprehensive plan, upgrade zoning to address storage issues related to early warning.
- Town of Pulaski: Complete flood mitigation plan, community rating systems, channel dredging and straightening, replace railroad bridge that is acting as a dam, acquisition of other repetitive loss homes, and encourage flood-integrated early warning system.
- Virginia Tech: Continue natural resource work on duck pond.

All of the above projects will be presented to local governments, and Martin hopes those bodies will continue the effort of following through with the recommendations. "That is in their hands," she said.

Martin hopes the projects can become a realistic plan in order to provide locality's a roadmap for the future and preparation of any type of disaster especially droughts and flooding.

"The real culmination of this planning effort is the mitigation project wish list that we have for each jurisdiction in the New River Valley. And when a major event happens here that gets federal or presidential disaster declaration it qualifies local jurisdictions for federal money to do projects. And if these projects are listed in the plan that we are developing they will move up on the possibility, they will be more likely to receive federal funding for these projects."

Taking a look back through history, the NRV has not been immune to major problems. Of course, it was seen over the past 18 months with threats of a long-term drought and then flooding associated with severe storms.

A federal disaster declaration for Montgomery County. Six Giles County roads were closed due to minor flooding. Steady freezing rain covered everything. The rescue of two men from North Fork of the New River, one later died of hypothermia. Homes were flooded in Alleghany Springs, and that there was flash flooding throughout the New River Valley.

For now, the future threat of disasters from the past could be the still be there, and local governments will have some tough decisions in the short-term for the long-term.

Again, the above plan is something the NRV Planning District staff hopes local leaders and residents will take seriously. "We have to be prepared," Martin said. The threat of flooding, droughts, severe weather, and even wildfires are there, and the mitigation plan being assembled by the planning district and a local committee is prevention medicine taking a

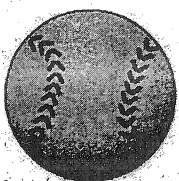
look at the overall impact of the worse-case scenario.

It will soon be available for public viewing on the web, and can be viewed at the NRV Planning District office in Fairlawn at the NRV Competitiveness Center. The study and report has been funded by a Federal Emergency Management grant.

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Mitigation program looks at natural disasters

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special hazard areas and ways to lessen the impact.

Mitigation efforts include looking at the location of development, altering zoning ordinances and comprehensive plans as well as using fire resistant buildings materials and elevating buildings in floodplains.

The plan will go out to the local governments in the district — the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery and Pulaski, as well

as Blacksburg, Christiansburg and Radford — in the late summer or early fall, Martin said.

In order to qualify for FEMA grant money, local governments need to have plan in place by Nov. 1, 2004, Martin said.

She is hoping to have resident input on the plan, especially on the mitigation projects.

The group identified between one and seven projects for each

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of the localities in the district. For Montgomery County, this includes developing a swift-water rescue capacity and a possible tightening of the zoning in the floodplains. For Blacksburg and Christiansburg, the development of stormwater retention

ponds are listed among other projects. In Radford, a regional stormwater detention along Connelly's Run as well as a detention pond at Sunset Park are among those projects mentioned.

"We need to think in terms of

long-term things that the community needs to do to minimize the effects of these events," Martin said.

Residents who would like to see the plan can contact Martin at the planning district commission at (540) 639-9313.

Church raises money for food pantry project

By Heather Bell

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RADFORD — Back to school time can be a financially trying time for families, and a Radford church is hoping to

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New River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan

Service Training for Environmental Progress program intern, Zhou Daquan, from the Virginia Water Center at Virginia Tech, completed flood hazard risk assessment maps for high hazards areas in the New River Valley. Federal Department of Emergency Management and Virginia Department of Emergency Management representatives also reviewed the New River Valley process and planning documents to date. Another public hearing to review the full draft plan will be scheduled for late October. *For further information, contact Lydeana Martin, (540) 639-9313, ext. 206.*

Regional Swift Water Rescue Team

NRVPDC staff continued to facilitate meetings with the fire and rescue teams from around the region interested in forming a regional swift water rescue team. Currently the teams are preparing lists of existing equipment. The teams are also appointing two people to represent them on the "regional steering committee." Among the tasks for the steering committee will be coordinating training, equipment, and funding. *For further information, contact Lydeana Martin, (540) 639-9313, ext. 206.*

New River Valley Regional Water Plan

In October, NRVPDC staff will begin a planning process to develop a New River Valley Regional Water Supply Plan. The planning will be funded in part by the US Department of Agriculture. PDC staff will coordinate with Virginia Tech's Institute for Policy Outreach on this project. *For further information, contact Lydeana Martin, (540) 639-9313, ext. 206.*

16th Annual Dinner Meeting

The 16th Annual Dinner Meeting of the Local Planning Commissions in the New River Valley will be held on **Thursday, October 23, 2003**, so please mark your calendars. It will be held at the Christiansburg Recreation Center in Christiansburg. The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. For further information, please contact the Town of Christiansburg at (540) 382-6128.



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Swift-water rescue team taking shape

Training, organizing and equipping the New River Valley regional response team could take years.

By SHAY WESSOL
THE ROANOKE TIMES

RADFORD - It's going to take years for a specialized swift-water rescue team to be organized, equipped and trained in the New River Valley. But the work is under way.



Members of six public safety agencies agreed Wednesday night to begin basic swift-water awareness training for their members and continue to study how to set up some type of regional response team.

"This is not going to be done overnight," Radford Fire Chief Lee Simpkins said. "There's a lot of work to be done."

The crews hope to model their efforts after the Salem Fire Department's team. It is the only swift-water rescue team in Southwest Virginia and is one of only three such specialized units in the state.

Salem started its team in 1996 and didn't publicize its efforts for nearly four years, Salem Fire Chief Pat Counts told the group. That invisibility allowed the 24-person team to hone its skills and slowly stock up on equipment, Counts said.

The New River Valley team, however, is forming under a spotlight after three drowning incidents - one in Montgomery County and two in Giles County - that claimed four lives earlier this year. All three occurred as boaters tried to travel flooded rivers.

That spotlight, Counts said, may lead residents to assume that a team could be trained and equipped in a matter of months.

"It's not going to happen overnight," he said. "It's not going to happen

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in the next six months. It's going to take years of training. It's going to take years of practice."

Just working out the details of how a regional response team would function could take months to decide, the group discovered. And some departments must move ahead faster than others.

Regional Emergency Medical Services Inc., which serves Pulaski County, will participate in a regional team but isn't under any public pressure to begin training, Executive Director John Casey said.

Elliston firefighters, on the other hand, already have eight volunteers signed up to learn shore-based rescue techniques at a two-day class in August, Assistant Chief Clyde Hodges said. The department made swift-water rescue training a priority after Feb. 22, when Stewart Quesenberry of Merrimac and his son, Brian Quesenberry, 30, were swept into the North Fork of the Roanoke River near Elliston as they tried to reach a truck caught in flood water.

Salem's team was able to pluck both men from the churning river, but Brian Quesenberry died a few hours later.

Other departments responsible for river rescues, such as Radford, are also feeling some public pressure to upgrade their training. That could lead several departments to follow Elliston's lead and train their crews on shore-based rescue techniques. The group suggested that an actual swift-water rescue team, taught to use boats and to actually get into the water, could then build on that initial training.

"Regardless of what we do as a group, we've still got to provide protection for our communities," Simpkins said.

Departments attending Wednesday's meeting, the first formal gathering in the planning process, included Radford, Elliston, REMSI, the Blacksburg Rescue Squad, Longshop McCoy Fire and Rescue, the Shawsville Rescue Squad and the Christiansburg Fire Department.

They hope to soon expand the participation to other departments, especially those from Giles County, Simpkins said.

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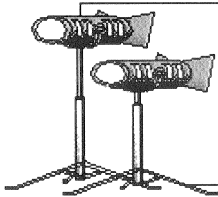
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“NRV Planners’ Forum” in the Spotlight

Following up on requests received during the Vision 2020 update, the NRVPCD has hosted two regional planners’ forums. Vision 2020 participants had emphasized the need for renewed attention to land use planning, and planners in the region had reported the desire to get together more often to share information.

At the first meeting in late May, a dozen planners from around the NRV looked at three current issues—regional trail interconnectivity, hazard mitigation, and the future of the regional planners’ forum.

First, Patrick Burton led a conversation about “missing links” in regional trail connectivity. He spoke about potential corridors as well as the benefits of trail connectivity. He also described a “concept document” that is being developed through the PDC’s Rural Transportation Planning Program to help facilitate planning and expressions of support from citizens.

Next, planners enjoyed a friendly competition to test their knowledge of natural hazards and mitigation planning. Lydeana Martin then shared with the group the findings of the NRV hazard mitigation planning efforts to date, including the priority hazards, high risk areas, and mitigation opportunities. The planners contributed additional thoughts about high-risk areas and mitigation ideas.

Lastly, Holly Lesko garnered input from the group about the planners’ forum concept and what topics or formats would be most helpful. Several planners said it would be helpful



just to occasionally get together to share their current tasks and learn others’ approaches. Planners also suggested inviting state agency representatives to a couple of meetings to aid the flow of information and mutual understanding of processes between state and local government staff. Planners selected the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Virginia Department of Health as the first two agencies.

Then, in July, the second regional planner’s workshop hosted about 20 planners from around the region and two representatives from the VDOT Christiansburg residency, Dail Stancill and John Jones. Dail and John presented the basic VDOT process for site plan reviews for commercial entrances and subdivisions. Drainage issues were seen as critical by planners and VDOT officials. Among the issues discussed during this session, planners expressed concern that often developers try to play local government and VDOT staff off one another to help gain plan approval.

Also at the July workshop, Joe Powers and Meghan Dorsett of Montgomery County presented their innovative and truly “comprehensive” plan process. As an indicator of the growing population, diversity, development, and complexity of Montgomery County, Joe discussed the growing thickness of the County’s comprehensive plans, from the thin one in the 1970’s to the large plan from the 1990’s. This new plan, he explained, will be presented on a CD, due to the massive amount of information including maps. Meghan also explained that the County had created a “community facilitator’s program” to help insure maximum participation. With this program, any organization in the County could have its own facilitator and present the organization’s input to the County. Also, many individual citizens including hundreds of children gave input through surveys or comment sheets. In total, over 800 citizens have participated in developing the new 2025 plan which is expected to be finalized by January, 2004.

Additional workshops will be held in the future. For further information, contact Dave Rundgren at (540) 639-9313.

NRVPDC UPDATES

Floyd-Floyd County Planning Commission

NRVPDC staff continues to work with the Floyd-Floyd County Planning Commission and the Floyd County Board of Supervisors to revise its manufactured home park ordinance. Currently, discussion centers on stand size requirements. *For further information, contact Lydeana Martin, (540) 639-9313, ext. 206.*

Town of Floyd

NRVPDC staff is working with the Town of Floyd and the "Partnership for Floyd" to consider and plan downtown enhancement. Currently, broader citizen input is being sought. One likely project is the addition of more sidewalks to provide better pedestrian access and mobility. This project would also include the addition of interpretive signs for significant historic and/or cultural points, including the Old Jacksonville Cemetery and the Floyd Country Store. The Town will likely seek Transportation Enhancement Act funding in the Spring to help in this effort. *For further information, contact Lydeana Martin, (540) 639-9313, ext. 206.*

Town of Pembroke

At its regular meeting in November, the Planning Commission recommended and the Town Council of Pembroke formally adopted the revised Comprehensive Plan. The Council also adopted the NRV Hazard Mitigation Plan, in as much as the Pembroke portions were also included in the Comprehensive Plan. *For further information, contact Lydeana Martin, (540) 639-9313, ext. 206.*

Rich Creek Downtown Redevelopment Plan

The PDC is assisting the Town of Rich Creek in exploring different redevelopment options in order to ensure the success of the quaint little town. PDC staff joined Town Council and staff in several initial brainstorming sessions in order to identify the necessary stakeholders. A Community Organizing Planning Grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development is funding this planning process. The PDC staff will help look at current land use, business inventory and help identify future needs. It is the expectation that this project will mature into a Downtown Redevelopment project, funded by a variety of agencies, including DHCD, VDOT, and possibly ARC. *For further information, contact Shawn Utt, (540) 639-9313, ext. 210.*

Youthworks to the New River Valley?

A preliminary conversation has begun with Youthworks to encourage the organization to consider placing some youth volunteers in the New River Valley in the future. Youthworks is a non-profit multi-denominational Christian community-service organization based in Minnesota. The organization began in 1994, and by 2002 it placed youth in more than 60 communities during the summer to do work projects—such as painting homes of the elderly, helping out with programs at nursing homes, etc. Though Youthworks has served West Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina communities, it has not yet served a Virginia community. The final decision will be made by the Youthworks organization in 2004, based in part on community need and interest and the availability of a building and kitchen in which the youth could sleep and cook. *For further information, contact Lydeana Martin, (540) 639-9313, ext. 206 or Marty Holliday at (540) 633-6764.*

GIS and World Town Planning Day

At least 100 people attended the GIS and World Town Planning Day planned by Montgomery County and the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg. It was held November 19, 2003 at the Montgomery County Administration Building. The day-long event included multiple sessions throughout the day on GIS applications, hands-on GIS work, and planning topics. During one session, Montgomery County staff shared details of their recent cell tower case success in a significant federal court decision. Lunch featured a casual debate between Milton Herd and Jesse Richardson, Jr. about smart growth, the definition of "real farming," etc. Attendees ranged from elected officials and local government staffs to a group of middle school students. The seminar served well its purpose of informing the public about planning and GIS, and especially the need to better entwine the two. *For further information, contact Lydeana Martin, (540) 639-9313, ext. 206.*

Pulaski County Water and Sewer Planning

The PDC has been contracting with the Pulaski County Public Service Authority to assist in identifying projects and possible funding sources. To date, three applications have been submitted to the USDA Rural Development, with one being funded, while two more are "in the pipeline". The Highland Park subdivision along with the Rolling Hills and Orchard Hills subdivisions are awaiting funding. Together, these three subdivisions have 473 households that will be served with the proposed sewer systems, and an additional 52 empty lots that can be built upon. Funding awards are to be announced by April 2004. *For further information, contact Shawn Utt, (540) 639-9313, ext. 210.*

Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

► The WIB is currently in the process of establishing and maintaining an interactive website to house all recently completed Community Audit data to include an extensive inventory of available resources. The website design and maintenance is being performed by New City Media, Inc. located in Blacksburg. It is envisioned that the website and all initial data will be completed in early 2004. The WIB website can be accessed at www.nmrwib.org once completed.

► As required under provisions of the Workforce Investment Act, the WIB has begun the process of Chartering all Comprehensive One-Stop Centers in our area. This process involves the submission of an application by each center, the assignment of an examination team, application review and site visit by the examination team and the presentation of the Center Report to a panel of judges consisting of two (2) WIB members and one (1) elected official by the Senior Examiner. Currently one (1) center is at the judging stage while another has submitted the required application for Chartering. There are five (5) comprehensive One-Stop Centers in the New River Valley and Mount Rogers Area and it is projected that all centers will have participated in the Chartering process by the end of 2004.

► The Demand Plan Pilot being conducted in Smyth County by Issues Management Group from Roanoke is progressing well and should be completed by the end of 2003 or January 2004. All results of this Pilot will be evaluated by the WIB for possible usage in future required annual Demand Plan studies to be conducted. *For further information, contact Ronnie Martin at (540) 633-6764 or rmartin@nrvc.org.*

New River Valley Locality Managers' Meeting

In late October, the NRVPDC hosted a regional gathering of county administrators and city and town managers. Presentation topics included Hazard Mitigation planning, Water Supply planning, and Telecommunications planning, all of which are underway in the New River Valley. *For further information, contact Lydeana Martin, (540) 639-9313, ext. 206.*

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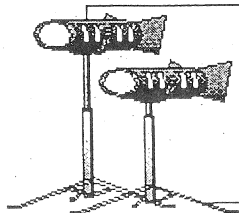
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"New River Valley Hazard Mitigation" in the Spotlight

As the first region in Virginia to tackle a regional natural hazard mitigation plan, the New River Valley is leading the way to be sure that local governments will be eligible to apply for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mitigation grants in the future. These grants can be used to help residents in flood hazard areas permanently relocate to safer areas, to help localities establish reverse 911 systems, or to take other steps to permanently eliminate or reduce damages from natural hazards.



A home in Pulaski that flooded repeatedly.

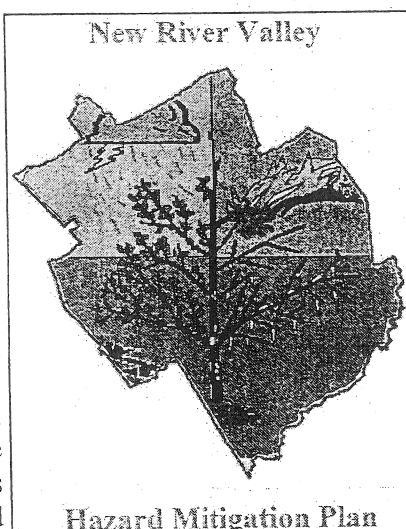
For example, in the past, the Town of Pulaski received FEMA and Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) funding assistance to buy-out several homes along Dora Highway. Residents there had dealt with repetitive flood losses and wanted to move. The Town, in turn, agreed

to permanently prohibit any residential structures on those same parcels.

Beginning November 1, 2004, though, local governments will be ineligible for such assistance unless they have adopted a hazard mitigation plan which is approved by FEMA and VDEM. Consequently, the NRVPCD undertook the planning task to assist all local governments. A FEMA grant was

secured by the PDC to assist in this task. NRVPCD planning work must be completed by May 2004 to meet the contract date with FEMA.

In early March, the plan will go back to VDEM and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for "pre-approval." This review process is likely to take 45-60 days. When the plan comes back to the PDC, one or more public hearings will be scheduled before local



governments consider adopting the plan. Smaller towns (all other NRV towns except Blacksburg, Christiansburg and Pulaski) may choose to write letters acknowledging the County's plan as their own. Ideally, the public hearing(s) will occur no later than May and adoptions could be considered immediately thereafter.

This has been a new and successful learning process that has brought together experts and professionals from local government, state and federal agencies and local universities from the land use field, natural hazards, and emergency management. Once the plan is adopted, many local governments have expressed interest in incorporating the information into their comprehensive plans during future revisions. Moreover, an approved and adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan will insure that NRV local governments and residents have access to federal funds which can make their lives safer. For further information, contact Lydeana Martin at (540) 639-9313, ext. 206 or lmartin@nrpdc.org.

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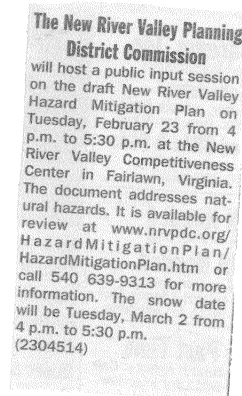
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